



Report by the Lady Chief Justice's Sentencing Group

January 2017 – June 2022
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Preface

This is the fourth report¹ of the Lady Chief Justice's Sentencing Group.

Due to extenuating circumstances, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sentencing Group has been unable to produce a biennial report since 2016. This report therefore covers the period from January 2017 until June 2022. The next biennial report of the Group will be published in Autumn 2024 and will cover the period from July 2022 – June 2024.²

The Lady Chief Justice's Sentencing Group

The Lady Chief Justice's Sentencing Group was established in 2010 to:

- (a) advise the Lord/Lady Chief Justice as to topics for their Programme of Action on Sentencing;
- (b) consider and advise on sentencing guidelines for the Magistrates' Courts in Northern Ireland;
- (c) consider judgments of the Court of Appeal and advise the Judicial Studies Board for Northern Ireland ("JSB") as to their suitability for inclusion within the JSB Sentencing Guideline Compendium;
- (c) consider first instance judgments of the Crown Court and advise the JSB as to their suitability for inclusion within the JSB Sentencing Guideline Compendium;

¹ The third report was published in December 2016 and can be accessed at [LCJ's Sentencing Group 3rd Biennial Report \(December 2016\)](#).

² The LCJ's Sentencing Group, with the agreement of the Lady Chief Justice, will, starting with this report, align its biennial reports with the legal year.

- (d) liaise with the JSB as to the training of the judiciary on sentencing practice and the dissemination of sentencing guidelines;
- (e) make such other proposals and carry forward such other programmes of action relating to sentencing guidelines and practice as may seem fit to them after consultation of the Lord/Lady Chief Justice.

The Sentencing Group meets triannually, in each of the legal terms.

Membership of the Sentencing Group

A list of members of the Sentencing Group as of 30 June 2022 is at Annex A.

During the reporting period the following changes in judicial membership of the Sentencing Group took place:

- i. Lord Justice Treacy was appointed as Chair in September 2017 following the retirement of Lord Justice Weir.
- ii. Lord Justice McCloskey replaced Lord Justice Treacy as Chair in January 2021 following a reallocation of roles.
- iii. Mr Justice O’Hara became an ex officio member in April 2020 in consequence of his appointment as Senior Crown Court Judge for Northern Ireland, replacing Mr Justice Colton.
- iv. District Judge (Magistrates’ Courts) Conner replaced District Judge (Magistrates’ Courts) McNally in February 2017.
- v. His Honour Judge McFarland, Recorder of Belfast, stood down following his appointment to the High Court in 2020. He was replaced by His Honour Judge Fowler KC, Recorder of Belfast, in November 2020 who served as an ex officio member until his appointment to the High Court in June 2022.
- vi. His Honour Judge Rafferty KC became an ex officio member in March 2021 by virtue of his appointment as the JSB Tutor Judge.
- vii. Presiding District Judge (Magistrates’ Courts) McGarrity became an ex officio member in June 2021, replacing the previous Presider, then Presiding District Judge (Magistrates’ Courts) Bagnall.

During the reporting period, the following changes in non-judicial membership took place:

- i. Membership of the Sentencing Group was expanded to include an academic member from each of the law schools in Northern Ireland as a consequence of

which Ms Joanne Clough from Ulster University was appointed in March 2018 for a three-year term.

- ii. Dr Kevin Brown from Queen's University, Belfast was appointed to the Sentencing Group in April 2018 for a three-year term, replacing Professor Sally Wheeler who was appointed as the first lay academic member of the Group in June 2013.
- iii. Ms Geraldine Hanna, who was appointed as the lay victims of crime representative in her capacity as Chief Executive of Victim Support NI, stood down from the Group in 2022.
- iv. Ms Julie McGrath, on assuming the role of Acting Legal Secretary to the Lady Chief Justice in March 2022, replaced Ms Anne Dillon.

Mr Terence Dunlop assumed the role of Acting Secretary to the Sentencing Group in April 2017 following Mr Paul Conway's departure from the LCJ's Office.

Court of Appeal Sentencing Guidelines

The Sentencing Group periodically reviews new judgments of the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland, and where appropriate, judgments of the Crown Court. Where the Group considers that the judgment should be accorded the status of a sentencing guideline, it determines that the judgment be published in the JSB Sentencing Guideline Compendium.³

During the reporting period, the Group identified and published 19 new Court of Appeal sentencing guideline judgments⁴. As there was a pause in the Group's work during the covid-19 pandemic many of the guideline decisions determined by the Group to be accorded guideline status will be addressed in the next report, to follow later in 2024.

Crown Court Sentencing Guidance

One of the initial issues raised by the Sentencing Group was the limited ability of the Court of Appeal to target specific offences for issuing sentencing guidelines (e.g. where the offence has been recently created, or where the offence comes before the Court of Appeal infrequently).

To help combat this problem, the Sentencing Group previously adopted a mechanism for Crown Court sentencing decisions in appropriate cases to be accorded the status of interim guidance pending a suitable Court of Appeal decision.

³ The JSB Sentencing Guideline Compendium can be located at <https://www.judiciaryni.uk/sentencing-guidelines-northern-ireland>

⁴ A full list of these judgments, together with keywords, can be found at Annex B.

During the reporting period, one Crown Court case was identified as being suitable for the purpose of issuing a Crown Court guidance judgment, *R v Coleman* [2020] NICC 5 which provided interim guidance in so-called ‘money mule’ fraud cases. This was added to the JSB Sentencing Guidelines Compendium under the section entitled ‘Theft and Other Dishonest Offences’.⁵

Magistrates’ Courts Sentencing Guidelines

The Sentencing Group’s Magistrates’ Courts Sentencing Guidelines Sub-Committee, chaired by the Presiding District Judge (Magistrates’ Courts), has created and published sentencing guidelines for some 126 offences in total, since the Group commenced its work in 2010.⁶ These guidelines cover the vast majority of offences which commonly come before this tier. In the reporting period, the Sub-Committee created and published new sentencing guidelines in respect of food safety and hygiene offences and psychoactive substances offences. The existing guidelines in respect of animal cruelty offences were also revised to reflect the legislative increase in the maximum sentence.

In 2017 as part of a full review of the guidelines, various amendments were made to aggravating and mitigating factors where appropriate, updated case law was included and where applicable the possible use of Violent Offences Prevention Orders and Regulated Match Banning Orders were noted.

Judicial Studies Board

The Sentencing Group continues to work in partnership with the JSB. A table listing the sentencing related events organised by the JSB during the reporting period has been included at Annex C. The Chairman of the Sentencing Group is also Chairman of the JSB.

Lady Chief Justice’s Programme of Action on Sentencing

The LCJ’s Programme of Action on Sentencing was initiated in 2010. It is a ‘rolling’ programme with topics being added where it is considered appropriate to do so; and topics being removed when suitable guidelines have been issued. The Group advises the LCJ on topics for inclusion in the programme and, where appropriate, establishes guidelines for offences contained therein. While guidelines in sentencing promote consistency of judicial approach, they are to be applied subject always to the judicial duty and discretion when sentencing in every individual case.

⁵ The guidance in *Coleman* has recently been considered by the Court of Appeal in *R v QWL & Others* [2023] NICA 11.

⁶ The Magistrates’ Court Sentencing Guidelines can be accessed at <https://www.judiciaryni.uk/sentencing-guidelines-magistrates-court>

The Group has also worked closely with the JSB to arrange training on the topics within the programme where deemed appropriate.

Annex D sets out the actions taken by the Sentencing Group in relation to each of the offences included on the Programme of Action up to and until June 2022.

Activities

The Sentencing Group has continued its work in the usual way since the date of the last report. In particular, it has identified those topics in the Programme of Action which require to be addressed and has overseen the publication of sentencing guidelines and guidance, ensuring that the Northern Ireland judiciary, legal profession, universities and public are properly informed and periodically updated on sentencing practice. To that end, since the date of the last report until the period ending June 2022, the Sentencing Group has, in particular:

- identified and published 19 new Court of Appeal sentencing guidelines;
- identified and published 1 interim Crown Court guidance case;
- created and published 11 new Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines;
- conducted a review of the Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines;
- appointed an additional lay academic member to ensure representation from each of the University Law Schools in Northern Ireland;
- continued to work in partnership with the JSB to arrange training events on sentencing topics at the various judicial tiers;
- maintained links and information exchange with the other sentencing bodies throughout the UK and Ireland to include the attendance of the Group secretary and then Recorder of Belfast at an event with the Scottish Sentencing Council in Edinburgh in March 2017.
- participated in sentencing events, in particular, the Group Chair gave a presentation at the Northern Ireland Criminal Bar Association annual conference in June 2022 on the topics of retribution, deterrence and rehabilitation.

Summarising, during the reporting period, the Group identified and published 19 new Court of Appeal sentencing guideline judgments⁷. As there was a pause in the Group's work during the covid-19 pandemic many of the guideline cases issued during this time were considered by the Group for inclusion within the JSB Sentencing Guideline Compendium during the timeframe covered by the next report which will follow later in the year.

⁷ A full list of these judgments, together with keywords, can be found at Annex B.

Bernard McCloskey

The Rt Hon Sir Bernard McCloskey
Chair, Sentencing Group NI

10 September 2024

Annex A

Membership of the Sentencing Group as of 30th June 2022

Lord Justice McCloskey	Chairperson
Mr Justice O'Hara	Senior Crown Court Judge
Vacant ⁸	Recorder of Belfast
His Honour Judge Rafferty KC	JSB Tutor Judge
District Judge (Magistrates' Court) McGarrity	Presiding District Judge (Magistrates' Court)
District Judge (Magistrates' Court) Conner	District Judge (Magistrates' Court)
Ms Julie McGrath	Legal Secretary to the LCJ
Mr Terence Dunlop	Secretary to the Judicial Studies Board
Dr Kevin Brown	Queen's University Belfast, Academic Member
Vacant	University of Ulster Academic Member
Vacant	Lay Victims of Crime Representative
Mr Terence Dunlop	Acting Secretary
Mr Alistair Beare	Assistant Secretary

⁸ HHJ Fowler KC was appointed to the High Court on 23rd June 2022.

Court of Appeal Sentencing Guideline Judgments

<u>Case</u>	<u>Citation</u>	<u>Keywords</u>	<u>Section</u>
R v MH	[2015] NICA 67	Rape contrary to Article 5(1) of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 (19 years' imprisonment) and attempted rape (15 years) plus 46 other counts (9 counts of gross indecency 2 years' imprisonment, 9 of common assault 12 months, 8 of false imprisonment 9 years, 4 of threats to kill 9 years, 7 of indecent assault 9 years and 9 of cruelty to children 7 years all concurrent - whether sentence wrong in principle/ manifestly excessive having regard to the Sentencing Council Guidelines and NI Guidelines - whether there had been inadequate deduction because of delay - whether there had been a failure to have regard to the absence of offending from 2004 - <i>McCaughey and Smith</i> approach to Sentencing Council Guidelines reaffirmed and appeal dismissed.	Sexual Offences
R v Mandy O'Toole	[2016] NICA 59	AOABH contrary to s. 47 OAPA 1861 - 4 year sentence (2 in custody and 2 on licence) - whether starting point excessive - whether route to sentence unconventional/at risk of double counting - whether sufficient discount for plea - whether sufficient weight given to indicators of positive change - whether failure to take adequate account of fact that offence could have been prosecuted summarily - Appeal allowed - appellant pregnant - 'significant factors' meant a 2 year probation order would be substituted.	1. Offences which might have been tried summarily 2. Violent Offences
R v David Lee Stewart (DPP's Reference No.1 of 2016)	[2017] NICA 1	Reference by DPP under s. 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 - causing death by dangerous driving plus dangerous driving, failing to provide a specimen, failing to stop and failing to remain contrary to the Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995 - 7 year sentence (3 1/2 in custody and 3 1/2 on licence) - whether starting point too low - whether consecutive sentences required	Road Traffic Offences

		- whether too great a discount for plea - whether mitigation too generous - reaffirmation that all aggravating and mitigating factors to be considered first in arriving at starting point before giving discount for plea - personal mitigation less relevant in deterrent sentence - allowing for double jeopardy sentence of 9 years (4 1/2 plus 4 1/2) substituted.	
R v Peter Greer	[2017] NICA 4	Application to extend time for leave to appeal sentence - murder - 20 year tariff - Plus: 1. attempted murder; 2. possession of shotgun; and, 3. handgun both with intent to endanger life - discretionary life sentences with concurrent tariffs of 20 years' imprisonment for each offence. Planned professional killing - <i>McCandless</i> reaffirmed - extension of time refused on murder count and tariff on mandatory life sentence left undisturbed - tariffs of 10, 8 & 8 years' imprisonment respectively substituted in the remaining offences extension of time and leave having been granted on those counts.	1.Life Sentences - Discretionary 2.Life Sentences - Mandatory
R v James William Taggart	[2017] NICA 5	Rape contrary to Article 5(1) of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 - common assault contrary to s. 47 OAPA 1861 - whether sentence for rape (ECS - 9 years in custody plus 2 on licence) manifestly excessive and/or wrong in principle - whether judge justified in concluding that there was significant risk of serious harm etcetera - <i>Kubik</i> applied - contesting the prosecution not an aggravating factor - <i>Gilbert</i> distinguished on the facts - appeal allowed - ECS of 7 plus 2 substituted.	Sexual Offences
R v WL	[2017] NICA 36	Leave sought to appeal against (conviction and) sentence - indecent assault on female (x8) - rape (x8) - assaults accompanied by threats and violence - offender serving existing sentence for similar offences committed around same time - leave to appeal sentence on the ground of totality granted and appeal allowed -	Totality/Consecutive

		discretionary life tariff of 10 years replaced by one of 6 years	
R v Norman McKenzie	[2017] NICA 29	Reference by DPP under s.36 Criminal Justice Act 1988 (as amended) – gross negligence manslaughter – various breaches of health & safety at work ('H&S') provisions – deceased falling from roof of agricultural shed – 15 months' imprisonment suspended for 3 years – whether suspended sentence unduly lenient – immediate sentence of 24 months (12 & 12) substituted for manslaughter and concurrent sentence of 6 months for each H&S offence.	Manslaughter
R v William Turner & Janes Henry Turner	[2017] NICA 52	Murder x 2 – whether reduction in tariffs for guilty plea appropriate – guidance given on range of appropriate discount and approach to be taken by sentencers.	Life Sentences - Mandatory
R v Darren Fegan	[2018] NICA 2	Appeal against determinate sentence of 13½ years with extended licence period of 3 years – s. 18 GBH with intent to a 2 year old child – violent punch to head – significant brain injury and right-sided hemiplegia – wheelchair bound and visually impaired – sentence not manifestly excessive – appeal dismissed – <i>McAuley and Seaward</i> distinguished – court underlined vulnerability of very young children	Violent Offences
R v CZ	[2018] NICA 53	Sexual offence prevention orders - applications made to Crown Court in respect of variations, renewals and discharge, and appeals thereafter to the Court of Appeal - demarcation between appeals in respect of SOPOs imposed as part of sentence and appeals in respect of variations, renewals and discharges - need for SOPO's to be carefully formulated	1.Orders Ancillary to Sentence 2.Sexual Offences
R v Michael Loughlin (DPP's Reference No. 5 of 2018)	[2019] NICA 10	Reference by DPP under s. 36 Criminal Justice Act 1988 – whether sentence for attempted murder unduly lenient - appropriate sentencing range for offence of attempted murder - adherence to statutory test in considering imposition of suspended sentences - need for care in assessment of dangerousness - original sentence	1.Attempted Murder 2.Dangerous Offenders under the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 3.Suspended Sentences

		unduly lenient and substituted – appeal allowed.	
R v QD (DPP’s Reference No.6 of 2019)	[2019] NICA 23	Reference by DPP NI under S. 36 Criminal Justice Act 1988 as amended by S. 41(5) Justice (NI) Act 2002 – whether sentence of 5 months’ custody unduly lenient - sexual assault of a child under 13 contrary to Article 14 of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 – whether failure to impose a SOPO unduly lenient – sentence quashed and SOPO imposed.	1.Sexual Offences 2.Orders Ancillary to Sentence
R v Vincent Lewis (DPP’s Reference No.1 of 2018)	[2019] NICA 26	Whether sentence unduly lenient - multiple offences of indecent assault, buggery and attempted buggery committed on three children - offender an elderly man of 91 years - monk at Portglenone Abbey – sentences unduly lenient – sentences amended.	Sexual Offences
R v KT (DPP’s Reference No. 2 of 2019)	[2019] NICA 42	Whether failure to activate two previous suspended sentences and to impose a third suspended sentence unduly lenient – sexual offences - 85 year old man - numerous sexual offences involving children – sentence quashed and the two previous suspended sentences activated and pass a sentence so as to achieve an effective total determinate custodial sentence of 3 years	Sexual Offences
R v Paul Hollywood	[2019] NICA 28	Appeal from part of sentence which disqualified appellant from driving for period of 4 years - causing grievous bodily injury by driving carelessly when unfit to drive through drink or drugs and driving while unfit through drink or drugs - whether length of disqualification wrong in principle, manifestly excessive and failed to take into account appellant’s reliance on ability to drive to return to employment – appeal allowed	Road Traffic Offences
R v Byrne & Cash (DPP References)	[2020] NICA 16	Sexual Assaults contrary to Art 6 Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 – whether ECOs a suitable disposal.	1.Sexual Offences 2.Combination Orders
R v Haggarty (DPP Reference)	[2020] NICA 22	Sentencing for multiple terrorist offences, including murder and attempted murder – guilty pleas – offender assisting police pursuant to ss.	1.Terrorist Offences 2.Life Sentences – Mandatory

		73-75 SOCPA 2005 - whether discount appropriate - guidance given on the approach to be taken to 'the SOCPA discount'.	3. Offenders Assisting Police
R v Campbell Allen	[2020] NICA 25	Common assault contrary to s. 47 OAPA 1861 & assault and false imprisonment contrary to common law - guidance on the sentencing approach to violent offences when particularly in a domestic violence where strangulation ('a substantial aggravating factor') is a feature.	Violent Offences
R v Dominic McGrath	[2020] NICA 29	Common assault and breach of restraining order - Violent Offender Prevention Order ('VOPO') - clarification concerning 'qualifying offences' for the making of a VOPO.	Orders Ancillary to Sentence

JSB Sentencing Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tiers</u>
Crown Court Sentencing Workshop	6 February 2018	Court of Judicature County Court
DJ(MC) Introduction Training - Adult & Youth Court	4 April 2019	DJ(MC)
Presentation by PBNI on the Enhanced Combination Order Pilot	14 May 2019	High Court County Court DJ(MC)
Criminal Law Update	21 May 2019	Court of Judicature County Court DJ(MC)
Strangulation Law in Domestic Violence Cases	6 June 2019	Court of Judicature County Court DJ(MC)
Deputy High Court Judge Induction Training	31 January 2020	High Court
Supervised Activity Orders	10 March 2020	DJ(MC)
Criminal Law Update	17 June 2020	Court of Judicature County Court DJ(MC)
The Conduct of Homicide Trials & Partial Defences	3 September 2020	High Court County Court
Crown Court Induction Training	29 & 30 March 2021	County Court
Sentencing & Safeguarding	13 April 2021	All Tiers
Crown Court Induction Training	23, 24 June & 7 July 2021	County Court
Domestic Abuse & Coercive Control	20 January 2022	All Tiers
PSNI Drug Squad Presentation	1 June 2022	All Tiers

Annex D

Lady Chief Justice's Programme of Action on Sentencing – Position at 30th June 2022

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Domestic Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. JSB Publication of Paper by HHJ Burgess (26 January 2011) 3. <i>R v PH</i> [2011] NICA 42 4. JSB Presentation by PBNI (11 September 2013) 5. JSB Presentation by HHJ McFarland (16 September 2014) 6. <i>R v Brownlee (Sentencing)</i> [2015] NICA 58 7. JSB Presentation on Strangulation Law in Domestic Violence Cases (6 June 2019) 8. <i>R v Campbell Allen</i> [2020] NICA 25 9. JSB Presentation on Sentencing & Safeguarding (13 April 2021) 10. JSB Presentation on Domestic Abuse & Coercive Control (20 January 2022)
Serious Sexual Offences (including offences against children)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. <i>R v SG</i> [2010] NICA 32 3. <i>R v EB</i> [2010] NICA 40 4. <i>DPP's Ref (1 of 2012)(R v DM)</i> [2012] NICA 36 5. <i>R v ML</i> [2013] NICA 27 6. <i>R v Simpson</i> [2014] NICA 83 7. <i>R v McCormick</i> [2015] NICA 14 8. <i>R v TH</i> [2015] NICA 48 9. <i>R v Lukasz Kubik</i> [2016] NICA 3 10. <i>R v MH</i> [2015] NICA 67 11. <i>R v James William Taggart</i> [2017] NICA 5 12. <i>R v WL</i> [2017] NICA 36 13. <i>R v CZ</i> [2018] NICA 53 14. <i>R v QD (DPP's Ref No.6 of 2019)</i> [2019] NICA 23 15. <i>R v Vincent Lewis (DPP's Ref No.1 of 2018)</i> [2019] NICA 26 16. <i>R v KT (DPP's Ref No.2 of 2019)</i> [2019] NICA 42 17. <i>R v Byrne & Cash</i> [2020] NICA 16
Indecent Images	-
Human Trafficking [including Slavery]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JSB Presentation by PSNI 2. <i>R v Matayis Pis</i> [2012] NICC 14 3. <i>R v Chen, Dempsey and Hinton</i> [2012] NICC 26
Attacks on Public Workers (including police officers)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines
Attacks on Vulnerable people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines
Attacks on Older People	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. <i>R v Cambridge</i> [2015] NICA 4

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Duty Evasion and Smuggling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>R v Grew; R v Mackle and others</i> [2011] NICA 31 2. Sentencing Case Compendium 3. <i>R v Kumar</i> [2013] NICC 12
Environmental Crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. JSB Presentation by Professor Sharon Turner (29 September 2011) 3. <i>R v Allingham; R v McKenna</i> [2012] NICA 29 4. <i>R v John Paul Braniff</i> [2016] NICA 9
Honour-based Crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sentencing Group Guidance Note
Tiger Kidnapping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sentencing Case Compendium
Intellectual Property Crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. Sentencing Case Compendium 3. <i>R v Paul Mahoney</i> [2016] NICA 27
Road Traffic Offences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. JSB Sentencing Workshop (22 February 2011) 3. <i>R v Conrad Doole</i> [2010] NICA 11 4. <i>DPP's Reference (No.5 of 2012)(Berry)</i> [2013] NICA 9 5. <i>DPP's Reference (No.7 of 2013)(Kevin Brannigan)</i> [2013] NICA 39 6. <i>R v McGrade</i> [2014] NICA 8 7. <i>R v Patricia McKeown</i> [2016] NICA 24 8. <i>R v David Lee Stewart</i> (DPP's Ref No.1 of 2016) [2017] NICA 1 9. <i>R v Paul Holywood</i> [2019] NICA 28
Hate Crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines
Health and Safety Offences Causing Death	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>R v JMW Farm Ltd</i> [2012] NICC 17 2. <i>R v Norman McKenzie</i> [2017] NICA 29
Manslaughter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>R v Eamon Coyle</i> [2010] NICA 48 2. <i>R v Crollly</i> [2011] NICA 58 3. JSB Presentation by Hart J (13 September 2013) 4. <i>R v Sean Hackett</i> [2015] NICA 57
Child Cruelty and Neglect and Serious Assaults on Children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines 2. Sentencing Case Compendium 3. <i>R v W</i> [2014] NICA 71 4. <i>R v Darren Fegan</i> [2018] NICA 2
Animal Cruelty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines
Cyber Crime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JSB Presentation by Professor Alisdair Gillespie (24 February 2015) 2. JSB Cybercrime Workshop (27 May 2015)

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Cyber Bullying	1. <i>R v Balmer and Wilson</i> [2015] NICA 40
Psychoactive Substances	1 Magistrates' Court Sentencing Guidelines
Non-paramilitary blackmail	-
Credit for guilty plea	1. <i>R v Sean Ruddy</i> [2016] NICA 17 2. <i>R v William Turner & James Henry Turner</i> [2017] NICA 52